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SUBJECT: MI PREFERIDA CLOSING

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1. RADIO MIL REPORTS THAT RADIO "MI PREFERIDA" AND RADIO "AMOR"--BOTH OWNED BY MANUEL JIRON CASTILLO--WERE CLOSED BY THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF RADIO AND TELEVISION OVER THE WEEKEND. RADIO MIL STATES THAT ARTICLE 61 OF THE RADIO AND TELEVISION CODE IS THE BASIS FOR CLOSINGS.

2. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT ARTICLE 61 WAS PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AGAINST SEVERAL RADIO STATIONS (REFTEL B). AT THAT TIME "PREVENTATIVE CLOSING" WAS JUSTIFIED BY THE GON, HOWEVER, A MORE CAREFUL READING DOES NOT SUPPORT THIS INTERPRETATION. ARTICLE 61 PERMITS THE GON TO STATION PEOPLE AT RADIO STATIONS IN CERTAIN LOOSELY-DEFINED CASES. WHILE THIS IMPLIES GON CONTROL OVER DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION, IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO AUTHORIZE "PREVENTIVE CLOSINGS".

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CLOSURES". IN FACT, EMB WAS INFORMED THAT CNEL. ALBERTO LUNA, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF RADIO AND TELEVISION, HAD PRIVATELY ADMITTED ERROR IN THE CLOSINGS. THE RADIO STATIONS RETURNED TO THE AIR WITHIN EIGHTEEN HOURS OF THEIR CLOSURE.

3. RADIO MIL FURTHER REPORTED THAT IT HAD "CONFIRMED"

INFORMATION THAT LUNA WOULD, THIS TIME, CLOSE MI PREFERIDA FOR SIX MONTHS.

4. IN ANOTHER CLOSING, IT IS RUMORED, BUT NOT CONFIRMED, THAT THE FINE IMPOSED AGAINST "DIALOG", A NEWS PROGRAM ON "FABULOSO 7", WAS OVERTURNED ON APPEAL (REFTEL C). THERE HAS BEEN NO WORD ON THE 60-DAY SUSPENSION OF THE STATION.

5. COMMENT: LUNA APPEARS TO BE MAKING GOOD ON THE GON'S STATEMENT OF READINESS TO ACT AGAINST STATIONS WHICH IT PERCEIVED TO BE INCITING DISORDER (REFTEL B). SHOULD LUNA INDEED ORDER A SIX-MONTH SUSPENSION OF "MI PREFERIDA" AND SHOULD IT NOT BE OVERTURNED ON APPEAL, A NEW LEVEL WILL HAVE BEEN REACHED IN THE GON-PRESS CONFRONTATION. SOLAUN

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